

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DECLARATION OF SUPPORT PRICE OF MUSTARD

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has declared the support price of mustard during this year;
- (b) if so, whether the cost of oil has been assessed before fixing the above price;
- (c) if so, the basis on which the market price of oil has been determined;
- (d) whether the cooperative institutions have fixed the target or procurement of mustard;
- (e) if so, the total target fixed in terms of tonnes;
- (f) whether any irregularity is being committed in procurement of mustard by showing moisture in the farmers' produce; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Government had declared the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of rabi crops, including Mustard, of 2004-05 season to be marketed in 2005-06, in November, 2004. The MSP of Mustard at Rs.1700 per quintal fixed for 2004-05, to be marketed in 2005-06, takes into account cost of production of Mustard, including the oil content in Mustard, which is generally taken as 33 per cent in terms of oil recovery from each quintal of mustard seed.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): No target has been fixed for procurement of mustard seed. The procurement will continue as long as the market prices rule below MSP. During the current year, the procurement of Mustard seed by NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.) stood at 7.84 lakh tonnes as on 12.04.2005.

(f) & (g): No complaint about any irregularities being committed in procurement of mustard by showing moisture in the farmers' produce has been received.